

POSSIBLY IN THE BEN THUY GENERAL AREA (SEE 2/Q/VHN/R24-64).

CLASS

MISSION CURRENTLY ON PATROL IN THE GULF OF TONKIN. THE

INITIAL REACTION TO THE DESOTO BY NORTH VIETNAMESE, ELEMENTS

AFTER USS MADDOX ENTRY ON 30 JULY WAS AT 311920Z (SEE 2XQ)

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64). SUBSEQUENT COMINT REVEALS A CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE BY RADAR

STIES AND DRV VESSELS WHILE THE PATROL WAS MOVING UP THE NORTH

VIETNAMESE COAST. BEN THUY SENT A MESSAGE TO T-255

AT Ø11627Z REPORTING THAT IT HAD BEEN "DECIDED TO FIGHT THE ENEMY TONIGHT ((1 GR U)) WHEN YOU RECEIVE DIRECTING ORDERS"

□ ON THE AFTERNOON OF 2 AUGUST THREE VESSELS LAUNCHED THE ATTACK

O AGAINST THE USS MADDOX. THE DESTROYER WAS NOT HARMED. (SEE

2XQ/VHN/R26-46 SPOT REPORT SERIES AND CURRENT SIGINT READNESS ERAVO,

LANTERN, REPORTS).

Ψ II. FLEET OPERATIONS:

A. LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

A. DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED A HGH LEVEL

OF ACTIVITY. THIS LEVEL IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE INCURSION ON 30

JULY AND THE DESOTO MISSION CURRENTLY OPERATING IN DRV WATERS.

THIRTY-FOUR VESSELS WERE RETRECTED ON NAVAL NETS INCLUDING:

ONE SO Q CLASS SUBCHASER T 231; SWATOW CLASS PGMS T-142, T-146,

T-165, T-379; PROBABLE SWATOW CLASS T 22, T-339, T 377; MTB

T-155 (TWO OTHER MT BS INDICATED BY COLLATERAL TO BE IN COMPANY

BUT NOT ISOLATED IN COMINT); UNIDENTIFIED

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THIS FORM FOR INTERNAL AGENCY

POSSIBLE TRANSPORT; TUG, VTB NV SIX VIET DUC FISHING VESSELS;
FIVE VIET TRUNG TRANLERS; TWO VIET XO FISHING/KARGO VESSELS;
ONE, POSSIBLE BUOY TENDER AND FIVE UNILENTIFIED.

B. MAINLINE NETS;

CLASS T-23, T-226, T-262, T-267 (ALL FIRST APPEARANCE); 527

- 1. DRV N VAL HEADQUARTERS HAIPHONG WAS ACTIVE WITH

 HANOI, POSSIBLE SC-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T 231, POSSIBLE BUOY TENDER,

 UNIDENTIFIED T-339, AND SEVEN UNLOCATED OUTSTATIONS ON THE COMMAND

 NET; WITH NORTHERN FLEET HEADQUARTERS PORT WALLUT, HEADQUARTERS

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 NORMAL.
 - 2. NORMAL PREFLIGHT INFORMATION PLUS STATUS REPORTS
 ON SHIPPING AND FISHING VESSELS WERE PASSED TO THE DRV NAVAL
 ELEMENTS (SEE 2/Q/VHN/R26-64).
 - C. NORTHERN FLEET AREA, PORT WALLUT:
 - 1. A MINIMUM OF NINE VESSELS WERE OBSERVED INCLUDING:
 - T-23, T-135, T-142, T-146, T-226, T 262, T-267, T-339, 527.
 - 2. PATROL ACTIVITY:
 - A. OF THE ABOVE VESSELS THE T-142, T-146, T-135 IN

 COMPANY WITH TWO MORE UNIDENTIFIED MTBS WRE ACTIVELY ENGAGED

 IN REACTIONS TO THE INCURSION AND DESOTO PATROL.
 - 3. AT 300331Z NORTHERN LEET HEADQUARTERS PORT WALLUT

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O DRV NAVSUM FOR PERIOD 261700Z JULY - 021659Z AUGUST 1964

I. HIGHLIGHT:

A. DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECT "ENEMY" INCURSION
ON 31 JULY 1964 IN THE HON ME (19-21N 125-56E) AND
POSSIBLY IN THE BEN THUY GENERAL AREA (SEE 2/Q/VHN/R24-64).